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B. ALLAN BENSON IS NAMED TO HEAD NLRB REGIONAL OFFICE IN DENVER

The National Labor Relations Board today announced the appointment of career attorney B. Allan Benson as Regional Director of the agency's Regional Office in Denver, Colorado (Region 27).

Since May 1995, Mr. Benson has been serving as Acting Associate General Counsel of the Division of Operations-Management, the General Counsel's management unit that is responsible for the operation of the NLRB's 52 field offices, including 33 Regional Offices.

The NLRB administers and enforces the National Labor Relations Act of 1935, the nation's principal labor law. It investigates and remedies unfair labor practices and conducts secret-ballot elections to determine whether employees desire union representation. As Regional Director in Region 27, Mr. Benson will be responsible for supervising NLRB activities in Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah, and 11 counties in Nebraska, 28 counties in Idaho, and 32 counties in Montana.

In announcing the appointment, Chairman William B. Gould IV and General Counsel Fred Feinstein said:

"Allan Benson has been of great assistance to both the General Counsel and the Board, particularly during the past year when the agency has had to grapple with budget uncertainties, inadequate resources and the ongoing threats and realities of government shutdowns. He is a most creative manager, whose steady hand has successfully guided our field operation during our most challenging times. His many years of field experience, his excellent analytical ability and his proven managerial expertise make Allan an outstanding choice for Director of the Denver Region. The citizens of the several states covered by the Denver Region are indeed well served by this appointment."

A native of Detroit, Mr. Benson joined the agency in 1971 as a Field Examiner at its Detroit, Michigan Regional Office. In 1974, he transferred to the Portland, Oregon Subregional Office. In 1979, he joined the Operations staff in the Washington, D.C. headquarters, serving as Operations Examiner, Deputy to the Assistant General Counsel, and Assistant General Counsel,

overseeing the agency's field operations in a number of Regions covering the midwestern and western portions of the United States. In 1994, he was named Deputy Associate General Counsel. As Acting Associate General Counsel for the past year and a half, Mr. Benson is one of the agency's highest ranking career executives.

In 1970, Mr. Benson graduated cum laude from Michigan State University, receiving a B.A. degree in economics. In 1980, he received his J.D. degree cum laude from Northwestern School of Law, Lewis and Clark College. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and has been a member of the federal Senior Executive Service since 1988.

Mr. Benson is married to Nancy Jean Hill of Washington, DC. They have a 7-year old son, Anders.

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